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My dear Mr Garrison

My sons are so
90
anxious not to miss you. It
will be a memory worthy to be
cherished till their old age,
that of having seen Mr Garrison
when they were young. I so
deeply desire that they all
three should embrace the cause
of humanity & labour for it, &
up till now, their inclinations
& characters have given us
great hope. My second son
Stanley (as I told you in a
post card yesterday) is at
53 Broad street Oxford - Please
does his father

has written to him that you will call on him, as he would not know where you might be. (The Randolph Hotel is I think the best). My son will be proud to show you the most striking sights at Oxford, and — if you have time — to go with you to call on one or two of the more liberal Dons.

My son in London — the eldest — is to be found from 11 a m, to 5 p m — at his office — the Civil Service Commission
Cannon Row.
Westminster.

It is very near our office of the Federation 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria street. both are near the House of Commons. at other hours my son lives at 257 Brompton Road South Kensington. but if you soon would kindly drop him a line to say where you are & where you can see him, it would be much more appropriate that he should call on you.

My youngest son is at Cambridge but may have an opportunity of meeting you in London during your stay there. he has delicate health, & consequently does not make his way fast in the world, but has a sweet nature.

I see, dear Sir, by your letter to me that you have mistaken Professor Stuart's letter in one respect. The Long Vacation, not the Long Term, begins in the end of June - & in July I suppose there scarcely will be a creature left in the Colleges at Cambridge, except the starlings & the cooks! It looks desolate and unmeaning in the summer months of July & August. Professor Stuart wrote to two days ago, as follows: "Mr Garrison proposes to come to Cambridge between the 25th & 30th of June. That will do very well; for altho' the students will have left, there will be a good many of us (Professors &c) still here". You perceive then that if you can go, even for one day as early as the 25th or 26th you will see Cambridge as it is — a place ~~of~~ inhabited by human beings, but ~~if~~ in July, it will not be itself. It is a very easy run of an hour & a half from London. Mr Stuart is a very dear friend & fellow worker of ours, & a remarkable young man. he earnestly desires to know you. he has done great things for ~~popular~~ the Education of the people in our large Towns.

I wished one more word,

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91 "I wished our name [illegible]

in reply to your most kind &
encouraging letter - it is this -
that if you should have the
opportunity again - & you will -
to speak to friends as you did
at our house, I wish most
earnestly that you should
exactly do as you did here -
you can & will, thereby, wonderfully
serve the different sacred
movements of reform going
on here. I mean - that it
seems to me & my husband the
very best thing possible that
you should relate that

wonderful narrative of your
labours — or some portion
of your labours — with all
its deep, suggestive lessons,
expressed in a few words, as
you can express them — &
then, having quite won your
hearers, speak at the
end a few grave & earnest
words concerning the struggles
going on here — in our great
conflict for justice & purity,
the temperance movement,
&c —
you won several at our
house, & you can

do us this *immense* service
with, I trust, not too
much effort for yourself – & without
any *public* meetings at all.

You perhaps scarcely realize
the gladness imparted by
your visit to England to all
of us – & we are *many now*,
who have to fight so
sacred a battle against
great odds – a battle
wh. in some of its essential
features resembles the
great & marvellous
anti slavery struggle.

With kindest regards to
your son, and my husband's
remembrances &
good wishes to you
I remain
yours most truly
J E Butler